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FOR S/NM AND NEA FOR HOLLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR NP
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS - NEPAL

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS ON
NARCOTICS MATTERS FROM DEVENDRA RAJ UPADHYAYA, MOST RECENTLY
SECRETARY IN MINISTRY FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. UPADHYAYA
ALSO SERVED AS NEPAL'S DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
UNITED NATIONS FROM 1965-69 DURING WHICH TIME HIS ELDEST SON
BECAME A HEROIN ADDICT WHILE ATTENDING A US BOARDING SCHOOL.

2. PARTLY AS A RESULT OF HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH
DRUGS, UPADHYAYA HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FEW NEPALESE OFFICIALS
WHO NOT ONLY UNDERSTANDS THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM BUT WHO HAS
MADE AN EFFORT TO REDUCE THE FLOW FROM NEPAL. ON HIS OWN
INITIATIVE UPADHYAYA INVITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNFDAC
TO VISIT NEPAL IN 1976, AN ACTION FOR WHICH HE WAS REPRIMANDED
BY HIGHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUSPECTED OF BEING INVOLVED
IN TRAFFICKING.

3. UPADHYAYA HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN RECENTLY TO EMBOFFS
OVER THE TOTAL LACK OF INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND ANTI-DRUG
LITERATURE AVAILABLE IN NEPAL. HE FEELS, RIGHTFULLY IN
OUR VIEW, THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEVOTE NO RESOURCES
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TO INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS, MUCH LESS REHABILITATION EFFORTS.
HE HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE COULD FILL THIS GAP BY WRITING
A NUMBER OF INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLETS TO BE PRINTED IN NEPALI
FOR LOCAL DISTRIBUTION IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE PUBLIC MORE
AWARE OF THE SOCIAL AND MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE.
WE BELIEVE HE IS QUALIFIED TO DO SO.

4. THERE ARE NO POST FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A PROJECT AND PRIOR TO EXPLORING THIS POSSIBILITY ANY FURTHER WITH UPADHYAYA, WE WISH TO ENQUIRE WHETHER FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM

DEPARTMENT OR OTHER SOURCE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT UPADHYAYA COULD BE INVITED TO US FOR 2 MONTH SHORT TERM GRANT TO MEET WITH US OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY IN DRUG REHABILITATION, TO OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION ON FIELD WHICH IS TOTALLY UNKNOWN IN NEPAL. WE ESTIMATE TOTAL COST OF PROJECT, INCLUDING TRAVEL AND PUBLICATION COSTS IN NEPAL TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$18,000-\$20,000. SUCH PROJECT HAS OBVIOUS RISKS GIVEN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE, BUT WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE EFFORT TO UNDERTAKE LIMITED EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN AND, PERHAPS, FIRST STEPS TOWARDS REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN COUNTRY.

WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.
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